



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Third Sunday of Advent:
*Rex Gentium***

**November 26, 2023
10:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

10:30 am The Third Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Acolytes</i>	Marian King, Jonte Folke, Sage Binzen, Xenia Binzen, Johnny Torres
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Tamasin Milner-Wohlers, Alvin Lindo
<i>Harpist</i>	Margot Chamberlain
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Laurie Rofinot
<i>Readers</i>	Emery Mazzotta, Ivy Saltzman
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Agard, Meg and Ren Aukeman
<i>Videographer</i>	Alice Killian, Colin Mazzotta
<i>Welcomer</i>	JT Kittredge

An Opening Rite for the Season of Advent

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

Presider As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
we look on these earthly signs, candles and green branches

People And we remember God's promise to our world:
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.

Time of Contemplation

A period of roughly five minutes is now kept either in silence or with gentle music as we seek in our souls the One who is coming. During this period, the candles are lit.

Noël nouvelet, French Carol

Margot Chamberlain, harp

Det finns en väg till himmelen (There is a Way to Heaven), Swedish Hymnal 1986

“Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul,
a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice,
to which we may continuously return.

Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives,
warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself.

Yielding to these persuasions, gladly committing ourselves
in body and soul, utterly and completely, to the Light Within,
is the beginning of true life.

It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us.

It is a Light Within which illumines the face of God
and casts new shadows and new glories upon the face of men.

It is a seed stirring to life if we do not choke it.

It is the Shekinah of the soul, the Presence in the midst.

Here is the Slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul
we clothe in earthly form and action. And [God] is within us all.”

- Quaker Mystic Thomas Kelly

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gentle and mighty God, we thank you, that you reign over the world with grace and compassion. You revealed your realm in Jesus, who embodied your mercy and justice. He healed the sick, raised up the downtrodden, destroyed the powers of oppression, and proclaimed your Jubilee. In his death and resurrection you have brought us out of the realm of darkness and into the realm of your eternal light and life. Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on all your church, that we may serve you faithfully in all that we do, in the name and the love of Christ. **Amen.**

O Antiphon

O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
hearts of hu - man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
cease, and be thy - self our King of peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Emery Mazzotta

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Kate Hornstein



Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age. *Refrain*

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Emery Mazzotta

A reading from the Book of Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know

him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Prepare the Way of the Lord

MHSO 61

The musical score is written in G major and 8/8 time. It consists of two main parts: a Canon and a Secondary Canon.

Canon: The first line of the Canon has two measures. Measure 1 contains the lyrics "Pre - pare the way of the Lord." and measure 2 contains "Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and". The second line of the Canon has two measures. Measure 3 contains "all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. ____" and measure 4 contains a double bar line with repeat dots.

Secondary Canon: The first line of the Secondary Canon has two measures. Measure 1 contains "Al - le - lu - ia." and measure 2 contains "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -". The second line of the Secondary Canon has two measures. Measure 3 contains "lu - - - ia." and measure 4 contains "Al - le - lu - - - ia." with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, O Christ.


Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.


Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Rofinot


Affirmation of Faith (Verse 3 is sung by high voices alone. Verse 4 by low voices) H 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 9th century Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4, acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

A Litany for Thanksgiving (The people say the responses in bold) Ivy Saltzman

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
we confess that we have failed to honor you
in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

*A moment in silence is now kept, not to dwell in unnecessary self-criticism or self-hatred,
but rather to face our brokenness with courage and honesty
that we might know more deeply God's healing and forgiving love.*

The Presider then says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you;
May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Anthem: Door of My Heart

The Adult Choir

Text and Music: Old Bengali Chant
translated by ParamhansaYogananda

Presentation Hymn: Longing for Light

(vs. 1 only)

MHSO 59



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
 pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
 bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
 shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider says

It is truly right always and everywhere to praise you, Lord God our Creator, Giver of light. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

MHSO 37

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Heav - en earth, heav-en and earth are

Heav - en, earth, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, bless - ed

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Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA.
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The Presider says

Life-giving God, you made all people and all things in a world of glory,
 and taught us to live together in love forever.
 And though we turned from your light and made war on one another,
 wasting the gifts of your creation,
 until we could find no way out of the darkness,
 even then you did not destroy or forsake us.

The People then say

You called Sarah and Abraham on a journey of promise,
 and brought Israel out of captivity;
 you made Moses your friend, and taught him to grow in the truth.
 And in due time the new star of glory appeared,
 scattering the shadows of death and leading us on the road to peace.

The Presider says

Our eyes at first were dim: we could not make him out.
 We wondered as he taught us the way of your kingdom;
 we fled in fear when he died for us, showing the fullness of love.

The People then say

But you raised him again,
 and in his new dawn the truth shone plainly for all to see.
 Now we have cast down our fears; we have turned our faces full to the light.
 And so, we join in love once more, to follow his example
 and share his glorious life in the breaking of bread.

The Presider says

For on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said—

“Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said— “Drink of this, all of you:

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

The People then say

Therefore, God, we offer you this bread and this wine. We offer them gladly, as
Jesus told us, giving thanks for his life, his death, and his resurrection.

The Presider says

Now send us your Holy Spirit, to show that this bread and cup
are the life-giving body and blood of your Son, and reveal your image in us,
transforming our life to be like his and
bring us at the last to his commonwealth of peace.

All then say together

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem: Father, we thank Thee

H 303, st.1

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee
2 Thou, Lord, didst make all
3 Watch o'er thy Church, O
4 As grain, once scat - tered

who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly
for thy plea - sure, didst give us
Lord, in mer - cy, save it from
on the hill - sides, was in this

Name with - in our hearts. Know-ledge and
food for all our days, giv - ing in
e - vil, guard it still, per - fect it
bro - ken bread made one, so from all

faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the
in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy

Son to us im - parts.
power, be thine the praise.
formed un - to thy will.
king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110 tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) rev. Music: Albright, William Albright (b. 1944)

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Hymn: We plow the fields

H 291

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

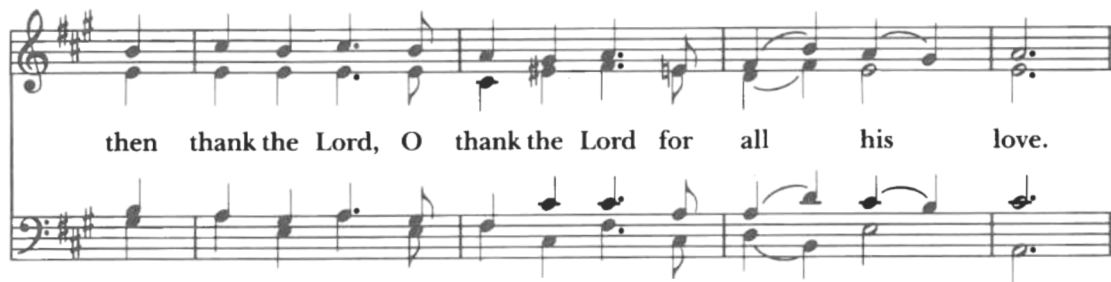
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

(continued next page)



Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.
Music: *Wir pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

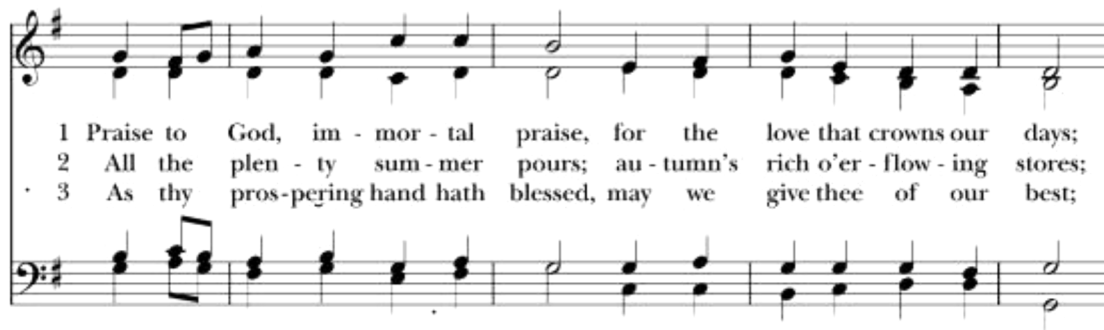
Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

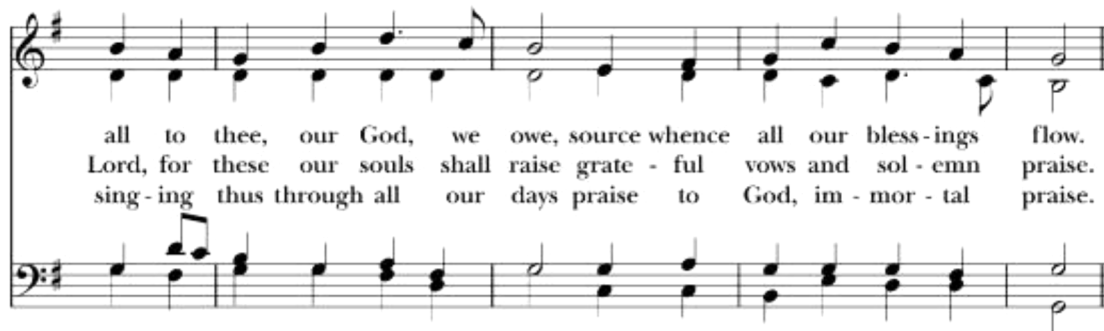
May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the shadows from before your path;
and the blessing of God, Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros - pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;



boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825)
 Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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